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DEEPER IN DEBT

The American public went deeper in debt in 1958 than it has ever gone before, according to an announcement by the Department of Commerce in Washington. However, the situation was not viewed as an alarming one by government economists.

It was said that the ever-increasing debt is a continuing trend, partly caused by an increasing population and rising incomes of the average American.

The rise in the National Debt in the past year, 1958, was some $18,700,000,000. Thus the private debts of Americans reached the record total of $239,000,700,000.

The Commerce Department said that the different economic trends in 1958 directly affected the character and volume of debt financing. In the first part of 1958, when the recession was still in progress, and the business outlook seemed rather bleak, consumer borrowing fell off, but when the upturn became apparent, late in the year, consumer borrowing increased.

This reflects the mental attitude of many borrowers, and also would reflect the increasing job security, or job income. We suspect, very naturally, that the debt increase will be greater this year than it was in 1958.

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PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY

For many years American tourists have dreamed of driving from the United States down to Panama, or even further South. There has been widespread publicity about the much-heralded Pan American Highway.

Not long ago, however, two Am erican Automobile Association experts reported that the drive, even as far as Panama, was not recommended ,and that it was not worth the hardship, expense and annoyances. The two experts were well acquainted with the route, for they had begun a journey in February, southward to Panama, having arrived after many grim battles.

Even before leaving Mexico, it seems, the tourist who would drive south alone the Pan American Highway, (which was to have been opened this year, incidentally) must cross a number of streams where there are no bridges.

Then, into Guatemala, and on down El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rico, etc., various other difficulties are encountered. Some of the new highways are even deteriorating rapidly. The climax comes when one gets within 134 miles of the Panamaian border, where the road suddenly stops.

This road was supposed to have been built in time for the opening of the Highway this year, but thirty-nine bridges are still to be built, and it is not open. Thus, we are sorry to say, the Pan American Highway is still a dream of the future. A modern highway from Alaska to the tip of South America, is, apparently, a vision for the distant future.

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EXIT GREEK AND LATIN

Both Oxford and Cambridge, renowned universities of learing in Great Britain, have voted to drop the requirement for Latin and Greek among entrants. While the governing party at Oxford may yet reverse this decision, the larger victory obtained by the anti-classicists in the Cambridge governing body, constitutes an indication that Latin and Greek are on the way out.

This action at these two world-famous universities follows similar action by many universities in the United States and England. It is a symbolic move, however, when European universities such as Oxford and Cambridge decide to do away with the Latin and Greek requirement.

Perhaps the over-riding consideration, which doomed the classics as a prerequisite for entrance, is the current race for scientific and nuclear knowledge.

Beyond any doubt, the world is moving into the atomic age, and it would be ironical if any university denied entrance to any promising student, who might—for example—rat e high in the sciences, because he lacked Latin or Greek.

The point of these remarks, is that the curriculum of all schools, at all levels, might well be re-studied. To keep the best of the past, prepare for the best of the present, and face up to the challenge of a better tomorrow, is not receiving enough attention around the planning boards.

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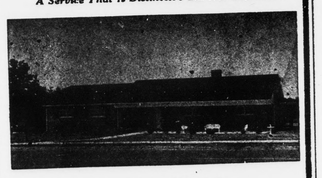

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Washington Notes

Labor Bill Rapped

The Kennedy labor reform bill appears virtually orphaned, making chances of survival seem slim. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, one of the last major interested groups to speak, has gone on record as being in opposition to the bill as passed by the Senate.

The National Association of Manufacturers and organized labor had already taken similar positions.

Asks Open Payrolls

The American Society of Newspaper Editors has asked the House and Senate to make public their payrolls and office expenses.

The request, in petitions filed with both houses of Congress, was announced recently.

Missile Defense—'Waste'

The man in charge of the Navy's research and development says $25,000,000 put into missile detection and defense systems since 1949 has "gone down the drain."

Rear Admiral John T. Hayward included Air Force, Army, and Navy missile defense systems in his criticism in recent testimony before a House Appropriations Committee.

Farm Price Supports

A Senate Appropriations subcommittee has approved a $50,000 limit on the total price supports that can go to any one farm or farmer.

The House has passed a similar provision.

Kennedy Plans Respite

A vacation from campaigning will be Senator Kennedy's answer to signs he may be running in front too early in the 1960 Democratic Presidential sweepstakes.

The Massachusetts Senator has spoken at party rallies in nearly every section of the country. But he plans a three-month layoff after he fills commitments which will keep him busy till early July.

Domestic Poultry Alarm

The House Agriculture Comittee alarmed over continually decreasing prices for poultry and eggs, has passed a resolution aimed at improving the present critical situation within the domestic poultry industry.

Egg prices are at their lowest ebb in 18 yearn, and the farm price for broilers is now the lowest on record for this season of the year.

Vera

Vera, June 9.- "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." —John 15-7.

Well, the schools have closed almost everywhere, So many graduates. May they choose some worthy vocation in life. Congratulations to them.

The reception for the Rev .and Mrs. Marvin Jacobs was held at New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday night after the worship service. All were invited to share this fellowship service with our new pastor, Rev. Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday night

The Bible School is in progress at Hollywood Baptist Church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C .Harvey and Harriette were in Lynchburg Monday.

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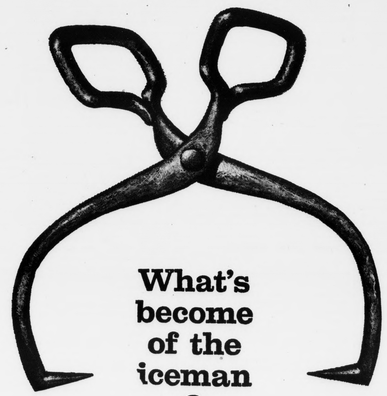

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Evergreen

Evergreen, June 9.- Saturday, Parent and Preparation Day at the Bible School, from Evergreen Baptist Church.

Miss Hattie, of Lynchburg, spent some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gordon.

Rachel McFadden and daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. C .J. Paulette, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar St. Clair and other relatives at Lake Road last Thursday.

Charles Jr. is visiting his Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples Mr. and Mrs. Gordon

Lonnie Carrico and sons, and Claude, and son ,Charles, went to Nashville, Tenn., last week to see Billy Carrico, who is in hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis O'Brien family and Mrs. Rachel McFadden and daughter, Ellen visited Mrs. Dave Jennings and family at Charlotte Court House on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bruce and family spent the week-end at Port Republic, with his mother, Mrs. Bruce.

Mrs. Jennings returned home Sunday after visiting her son Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jennings and family.

Miss Alice Jackson, of Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D .Thompson, of Norfolk, spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Singletin and children visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. R. J. Paulette, and Mrs. Ella Jennings were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Harvey Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. K. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge and Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Wooldridge and daughter, Peggy, attended the commencement exercises at Farmville on June 4, in honor of their nephew, Reginald Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garrette, of Alexandria spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Rev .and Mrs. Ronald Clarke and Mr. H. C .Staples are attending the Virginia Methodist Conference in Norfolk this week.

The commencement exercises were held at the Evergreen school, June 1, with good attendance.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, June 9.- Mrs. W. J. Walton and Mrs. Ed Morris and daughter, Martha Louise, were Sunday guests in the home of Mr .and Mrs. George Carson,

Mr. and Mrs. S .A. Brooks, of Farmville were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus.

Mrs. Nell Walton is attending annual Methodist Conference in Norfolk this week.

Mr .and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus, Jr., and daughter, Cindy, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon and Margaret were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashworth, of Lynchburg, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs .Harry Reynolds visited friends in Lynchburg Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Cleveland Caldwell and Mrs. Pete Dickerson visited Mrs. Doris Paulette Monday.

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Across Borders

Lesson for June 14, 1959

"THEY'RE NOT OUR kind of people." How many times that is said, and has been said! That one sentence is enough, in many people's minds, to end the question: Shall we take them in? Shall we have anything to do with them that is not absolutely necessary? In particular, that one sentence is used as a bar at the church door, where no such bar ought to be.

Dr. Foreman

We have in the Old Testament a story about two men who were as different as two men could be. Just about all that goes into that phrase, "—not our kind of people," could have been said by either of these men against the other. It is pretty certain that the friends of either man would not have "accepted" the other man. And yet these men found a way across the border, a way that is always to be found when men look for it.

Race Barriers

It is not only in America, still less only in the "Deep South," that differences of race bring up the expression, "Not our kind of people." Wherever two races meet and compete, there is a race problem. The ancient Jews knew all about it. Of course a modern American might smile at the difference between Elisha the Jew and Naaman the Syrian. They were both orientals, weren't they? But Elisha's friends, and Naaman's friends, would not have smiled about it. Jews felt pretty grim when they thought of Syrians, and Syrians felt pretty contemptous when they thought of Jews. They would not for a minute have considered themselves of the same race. The Syrians at that time were much the stronger people. They thought of Isralites or Hebrews (as Jews then were called) as a weak, stupid, dirty, inferior race. The Hebrews on the other hand by no means looked up to Syrians as noble examples and benefactors. They thought of them as cruel men, oppressing the weak and living by power, not by justice. The two races might be related as enemy and enemy, or as master and slave; but not as friend and friend, not as equals. Yet Naaman and Elisha crossed the border of race.

Barriers of Position

Another difference between people which leads to the thought, "Not our kind—;" is the difference which is caused by position in society, including difference of occupation. You can take twin babies and bring them up in separate homes, one the home of an illiterate manual laborer, and the other the home of a banker or a college president; one boy will have no education and the other a very fine one; then follow the boys through life, and by the time they are 30 each one would be saying about the other (if he didn't know they were brothers), "Not my kind of people."

Elisha and Naaman were not only different by race, they were different by occupation and position. Elisha was a prophet of God, his specialty was religion. Naaman had a kind of religion, a very different one, but he didn't take even that very seriously. Elisha was a poor man, Naaman was wealthy and a slave-owner. Elisha's most spectacular labors had been the saving of lives (and saving Naaman's was right in his line); Naaman's business, as a general, was killing (including killing Israelites).

High-Altitude Crossing

And yet Elisha and Naaman crossed the border-line drawn by the contrast between their social positions and work in life. How did they do it? They did it the way modern armies, or peacetime fleets of commercial planes, can cross borders which once upon a time were formidable and all but impossible to cross.

In the same way, the road across the barriers caused (for example) by race or by position or occupation or money or education, is seldom a road through these borders. It is above them. And the name of this high dimension is religion. It was at last in the bond of a common faith that Elisha and Naaman met, "two strong men face to face."

Play safe — drive carefully.

Appomattox is a growing town.

County Line

County Line, June 9.- Rev. Winfred Elder preached a splendid sermon at Central Baptist Church on Sunday A. M. He was called away Sunday P. M. to conduct a funeral. Mrs. Elder and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Overton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan and children spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan.

Mr. Tucker, from Penn., was visiting his brother, Mr. Shelby Tucker Sunday.

Mrs. Leonard Cawthorn and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Owen and children were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs .Everette Ferguson.

Mrs. Waller, of Red House spent the week-end recently here with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waller, We are sorry to hear that Mr. J. T. Carson, Mrs. J. W .Waller's father, is ill and in the hospital.

Miss Lorine Swope continues ill in the hospital at Charlottesville.

Mr. Jim Cyrus is ill.

Mrs. Rosa Irby and Mrs. Dan Irby and family attended the Irby reunion on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Slusher and children have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith.

Mr. and Mrs .Fay Collier, of Hampton spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mayberry and attended the Bean-Clapp wedding at Evergreen Sunday P .M.

Miss Hazel Grishaw spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs .Arthur Mullin.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith visited in the home of J. B .Jones on Sunday.

Mr .and Mrs. Clarence Jones and Mrs .Jesse Jones were in Lynchburg Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Layne spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones .Mrs. Jones visited Mrs. Bertha Martin at Appomattox Saturday P. M.

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